

# House Amendment 1221

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1 1 Amend House File 234 as follows:  
1 2 #1. Page 1, line 2, by striking the words <AND  
1 3 VETERANS WELLNESS>.  
1 4 #2. Page 1, line 4, by striking the words <and  
1 5 Veterans Wellness>.  
1 6 #3. Page 2, by striking lines 22 through 27.  
1 7 #4. Page 3, by inserting after line 1 the  
1 8 following:  
1 9 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS == VETERANS.  
1 10 1. The division of mental health and disability  
1 11 services of the department of human services and the  
1 12 division of behavioral health of the department of  
1 13 public health shall coordinate with the Iowa  
1 14 department of veterans affairs to maximize access to  
1 15 mental health and substance abuse treatment for  
1 16 veterans.  
1 17 2. The department of veterans affairs shall expand  
1 18 the veterans counseling program implemented in  
1 19 accordance with section 35.12 to include all of the  
1 20 following:  
1 21 a. Provision of mental health and substance abuse  
1 22 treatment services specially designed to meet the  
1 23 needs of veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and  
1 24 Afghanistan.  
1 25 b. A contract with the department of human  
1 26 services for services under the veterans counseling  
1 27 program to be provided at each of the four state  
1 28 mental health institutes.  
1 29 c. Incorporation of financial or service need  
1 30 eligibility provisions to target veterans with the  
1 31 most significant unmet needs while remaining within  
1 32 the funding available.  
1 33 d. Coordination of benefits provided under the  
1 34 counseling program with those provided to veterans  
1 35 through the Equality in Health Care Coverage and  
1 36 Veterans Wellness Act enacted by this Act.  
1 37 3. a. Notwithstanding section 35D.18, the balance  
1 38 of the Iowa veterans home annual appropriations or  
1 39 revenues in excess of \$1,000,000 that remains  
1 40 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal  
1 41 year beginning July 1, 2008, shall be transferred to a  
1 42 veterans home account which shall be created in the  
1 43 veterans trust fund.  
1 44 b. There is appropriated from the veterans home  
1 45 account in the veterans trust fund to the department  
1 46 of veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July  
1 47 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, \$1,000,000, to be  
1 48 used for expansion of the veterans counseling program  
1 49 in accordance with this section.  
1 50 4. This section of this Act, being deemed of  
2 1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>  
2 2 #5. Title page, line 3, by inserting after the  
2 3 word <services> the following: <and veterans  
2 4 services, providing an appropriation, and providing an  
2 5 effective date>.  
2 6 #6. By renumbering as necessary.  
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